

2005 Assembly Resolution 8

## **ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**

Relating to: condemning the anti–American hate speech promoted by Professor Ward L. Churchill.

Whereas, the United States of America was attacked on September 11, 2001, a day that will be remembered as one of the darkest in American history; and

Whereas, the terrorists that attacked America that day murdered more than 3,000 innocent people who were doing nothing more than enjoying the inalienable rights of a free people; and

Whereas, the families of those who were lost on September 11, 2001, are still in the agonizing process of grieving and recovery, enduring immeasurable pain from the attacks; and

Whereas, the citizens of Wisconsin rallied around those families and our country in the following mobilization of national resources to achieve victory in the War on Terror; and

Whereas, Professor Ward L. Churchill of the University of Colorado at Boulder wrote an essay, "'Some People Push Back': On the Justice of Roosting Chickens," related to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, with intentionally inflammatory and offensive statements aimed at all Americans; and

Whereas, Professor Churchill in his essay compares the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, to Adolph Eichmann, the man in charge of Hitler's plan to murder Jews during World War II: and

Whereas, on January 31, 2005, Professor Churchill issued a statement clarifying that people working in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, were the "technocrats of empire" and were the equivalents of "little Eichmanns"; and

Whereas, Professor Churchill is scheduled to give a speech on the campus of the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater on March 1, 2005; and

Whereas, Professor Churchill's essay and statements are clearly inflammatory, offensive, and lacking in academic foundation, rightly outraging citizens both in Wisconsin and across the country; and

Whereas, Professor Churchill's tenure is currently the subject of review by the University of Colorado Board of Regents and is the subject of a statement by the governor of Colorado calling for his dismissal; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, That** the Wisconsin assembly condemns the anti-American hate speech promoted by Professor Ward L. Churchill and recommends strongly that the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater cancel Professor Churchill's speech on March 1, 2005; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the governor of Colorado, the president of the University of Wisconsin System, and the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater.

State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin	Representative John G. Gard Speaker of the Assembly
Date	Patrick E. Fuller Assembly Chief Clerk